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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 20 January 1956

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner (part of mtg.),
Col. White, Mr. Helms (part of mtg.), Mr. Bissell,
Mr. Sheldon, Gen. Truscott, Mr. []

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that the President's Consultants on Intelligence would be in Washington on 23 January to meet with the President and he would also attend this meeting. Mr. Dulles went on to say that prior to this meeting he intended to speak to the President about rules of procedure for this committee and would recommend to the President, after the members had been fully cleared -- including SI and Q, that we keep no secrets from them, and in fact make available any information on our activities they might request. Mr. Wisner suggested that possibly the committee may wish to designate certain of its members to work at particular projects, e.g., [] examine technical programs. The Director agreed and said this would of course have to be the committee's decision.

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b. Referred to the weekly PP notes furnished by [] and asked if we had received approval from State for the [] ACTION: Mr. Wisner. The Director also asked Mr. [] to get the papers on this project since there is some doubt in his mind as to how much money he had approved for allotment to this program.

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c. Referred to the [] case and upon being advised by Mr. Helms that this matter is still under investigation stated he wished to see the report upon completion.

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Mr. Helms:

Reported we are still unable to get [] material to NSA simply because that Agency has not yet established procedures to receive it. Mr. Helms pointed out that at Gen. Cabell's suggestion we had sent a memo to NSA on this matter and are in fact calling them daily. The Director noted he might call Gen. Erskine.

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Mr. Bissell:

Noted that as a result of the Killian report the NSC had farmed out the recommendations contained therein to the appropriate agencies and that CIA had made a general reply to the Security

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Council, however, no follow-up was taken by CIA at that time. Mr. Bissell went on to say he had therefore prepared memoranda to the various components of the Agency and he expected that within about two weeks the Director would be in a position to respond to any questions he might have asked about our implementation of this report. Mr. Sheldon pointed out that we have dual responsibilities with other agencies in regard to some of the recommendations and suggested that we get in touch with these agencies in this regard. The Director approved.



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